



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

June 13, 1991

CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Edward J. Markey  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Markey:

My letters of February 14, 1991, and April 16, 1991, noted that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) was reviewing a petition for rulemaking filed by Eldon V. C. Greenberg on behalf of the Nuclear Control Institute and the Committee to Bridge the Gap and that I would notify you of the Commission's decision. The petition requested modification of the NRC design basis threat for radiological sabotage to include protection against truck bombs and against a larger, more heavily armed force of attackers. Our review is now complete, and the Commission has decided to deny the petition.

The main reason for the denial is the Commission's conclusion that there has been no change in the domestic threat that would justify a change to the design basis threat. Details supporting this conclusion are set forth in the Federal Register notice denying the petition (enclosed).

I want to continue to assure you that although the U.S. involvement in the Persian Gulf conflict is being reduced, we will not reduce our vigilance. The NRC will continue to monitor closely developments worldwide, particularly in the Middle East, and is prepared to take appropriate action if the situation warrants.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kenneth M. Carr", is written above the printed name.

Kenneth M. Carr

Enclosure:  
Federal Register notice

[Copies of the Federal Register notice may be obtained from Rep. Markey's office.]